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After looking through the proposed plan, I have to agree with The Audubon Society of Portland's key points:

1. The draft cleanup plan leaves far too much of the river contaminated for generations to come. We recommend that at least 1,000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the river.

2. The draft cleanup plan relies too much on "monitored natural recovery,"

a "do nothing" strategy that leaves pollution in the river in the hopes that it will either be covered over or flushed downstream.

3. The cleanup plan must result in the removal of the Fish Consumption Advisory so that eating fish from the Lower Willamette is just as safe as eating fish from anywhere else in the Willamette River system and this must occur within a 10-20 year time frame.

4. Creating a toxic waste disposal dump in our river is not acceptable—toxic dredged sediments must be taken to an appropriate landfill.

5. Entities with liability for the pollution must be held accountable and pay for a comprehensive cleanup that will protect the health of our communities, our environment and our wildlife.

I also see no mention of the impact an earthquake event here might have on many of the proposed components in the plan. Leaving toxic sediments in place either capped or left for nature to fix and storing them right on the river are all vulnerable both from an earthquake itself, subsequent severe flooding and large amounts of debris movement and also changes in groundwater movement and speed. If this sediment is removed from the river area, it can't be 'paid forward' to bite future generations in the butt. Do the minimum, spend the minimum now = maximum human/environmental suffering and additional \$\$\$ later.